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Testing

by ED VERBA

In April 1984, Dr. Luc. Montanier's research team at the Pasteur Institute in Paris isolated a virus that he called Lymphodenapathy—associated virus, or LAV, because it had been found in patients with chronically swollen lymph glands. Less than a year later, Dr. Robert Gallo of the National Institute of Health here in the United States isolated a virus from an AIDS patient which he called Human T—cell Lymphotraphic virus, type three, or HTLVIII. The two viruses were later found to be identical and thus, until recently, the virus thought to cause or at least be on of the causes of AIDS was known as LAV/HTLVIII.

HIV, human immunodeficient virus, is merely a compromised labeling of the two research teams' findings, ending the over two year argument of who was first in finding the virus.

Like many viruses that enter our bodies, antibodies are created when HIV enters. Usually, in cases of measles, chicken pox and the like, our immune system is able to fight the virus by identifying the virus as having been there before. This is the reason that with vaccines small amounts of the virus are injected into the patient. Then, when we build up antibodies to the strain, we are able to fight it off when we really come into contact with it during our lives. The problem with HIV is that it attacks the very system that is used to fight it and renders it useless or severely damaged.

In the spring of 1985 a test was developed to identify this virus through a relatively easy blood test. The test identifies antibodies of HIV. It does not test for AIDS. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) issued a statement in November of 1986 that stated as many as 50% of those testing 'sero-positive' for HIV could contract AIDS within five years and an additional 25% could contract AIDS-related Complex (ARC).

Locally, in the five county greater Lehigh Valley, there are three ways to receive the HIV antibody test if you have a desire to do so. First, a person can go through his family doctor. The doctor can send you to a private lab to have the test done and the results are returned to your doctor. Usually this method is covered by most health insurance policies. One has the advantage of dealing with a doctor he trusts and may find this the preferable method for taking the test. A major disadvantage is letting one's insurance company know you have taken the test, and they might want to know the results of the test they have paid for.

Secondly, the test is available through the Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinics (STD) at Allentown, St. Luke's, and Sacred Heart hospitals. The AIDS Task Force of the Lehigh Valley has administered this test with Allentown and Bethlehem Health Bureau personnel since the test became available in 1985. With this method, one

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Draft Apuzzo Movement Gains Momentum

The effort to draft Ginny Apuzzo for President intensified recently with the publication of a "Run, Ginny, Run" newsletter complete with postcards to mail Apuzzo to encourage her to make the run.

Two thousand newsletters are being mailed to gay and lesbian leaders and interested community members.

Ginny Apuzzo, the former chair of the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force, is currently Deputy Director of Consumers Affairs for the State of New York. She is undecided as to her presidential plans.

The idea for an Apuzzo campaign was forwarded two months ago in the national gay and lesbian press by openly gay Boston City Councillor David Scondras after discussions with other gay and lesbian elected officials.

Scondras reports that he has received hundreds of enthusiastic responses from all over the country. Additionally, articles about the Apuzzo campaign have appeared in mainstream publications such as USA Today and the New York Press. The campaign to draft Apuzzo has also received radio coverage in Washington state, Boston and Miami.

"Run, Ginny, Run" newsletters and post card kits can be obtained from Run, Ginny, Run, 104 Charles St., Suite 790, Boston, MA 02114.

Letters to the Editor

If you have any legitimate gripes about Lambda Valley Monthly, regarding articles or representation, Lambda Center, the bars or anything affecting the gay community, write a letter to the editor of Lambda Valley Monthly. If you want to get involved and don't know how or where, write a letter!

All letters should be addressed to:

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Concert Slated for Washington March

Lesbian and Gay Bands of America (LGBA) announces a benefit symphonic concert as a related event to the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. The concert, 'Let Freedom Ring,' will be held on Saturday evening, October 10, 1987 at the historic DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, DC.

The concert will benefit the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the Fund for Human Dignity, the National Association of People With AIDS, the National AIDS Network, the Whitman-Walker Clinic AIDS Foundation (Washington, DC), the National March on Washington Committee, and the LGBA.

Over 350 musicians, twirlers and flag corps members representing all 13 of the LGBA member bands will participate in the concert and the march and rally on October 11. The concert will also feature performances by the Denver Women's Chorus and the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington.

The concert program includes Broadway, pops, and 'light' classics. Ticket prices are \$35, \$25, \$20, \$15, \$12.50 and \$7.50. Group rates are available, and tickets are already on sale.

Concert donors and sponsors are urgently needed to help with concert expenses. LGBA needs to raise \$5000 to \$7000 to cover upfront concert expenses. Concert sponsors (\$500+ donors) will be acknowledged in the concert programs and press releases, will receive complimentary concert program ads, two orchestra tickets, souvenir concert T-shirts and will be guests at a post concert reception. Current sponsors include the Valley Business Alliance (Burbank, CA) and Adam Rose and Larry Solowitz (New York CIty). Advertisers for the concert program are also needed. LGBA is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization

For further information, write to: LGBA Productions, P.O. Box 57099, Washington, DC 20037.

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Radio Program Planned

A gay and lesbian radio progam is being planned by Lambda Center to be aired on Muhlenberg College radio station WMUH, 91.7 FM. The program is still in the early stages of planning, with a lot of work still to take place before the program would air. The program still needs the approval of the baord of directors of WMUH.

The program would contain news, interviews, entertainment, women's and men's issues, community events, and much more.

At this time, a staff is being organized. There are many positions to be filled, such as in the news department, and all the other areas of the program.

If you want to be a part of this exiting new project for the Lehigh Valley, call Terry Richline at 250–9600 (days, 12:30 to 7:00) or 264–9369 after 8 pm.

ATTENTION READERS!!

If you or if you know of someone who is interested in writing for the *Lambda Valley Monthly*, either full time or free lance, please contact me at P.O. Box 1633, Allentown, PA 18105.

As we grow, our need for hard news reporters for front page material, photographers, and input from other groups and areas intensifies.

Discretion available upon request. So come on, all you Bob Woodwards and Carl Bernsteins, let's see what you come up with!

Thank you, Your Editor

FUNDRAISING...

The Lehigh Valley Lesbian/Gay Community Center (Lambda Center) is sponsoring their summer picnic Sunday, August 2. Ticket price is \$12.50 in advance and \$15 after the cut-off date. There will be special price breaks for those of you who wish to be designated drivers. Here is how it works: if you are driving a car with three or more people and do not imbibe alcohol at the picnic, you will receive \$5 off your ticket price and a special pin to wear, The Center will also offer combination picnic ticket and membership for \$25. This is a good time to start a membership or renew because all memberships expire in September. The picnic will include food, refreshments, entertainment, music, fun, and more! So come on out and get in the fun.

FACT: Fighting AIDS Continuously Together is sponsoring a raffle to precede their Bar Olympics in the fall. The raffle prizes include: a color TV, a dinner/theater package, and a grand price of a trip for two to your choice of Jamaica, Cancun, Nassau, or the Bahamas. Ticket price is \$5, and

winner need not be present to win. The drawing will be held at a cocktail party on Monday August 24 at 7 pm at the newly refurbished Americus Centre, 6th and Hamilton Streets, Allentown. You can purchase your raffle tickets at your favorite local bar or through any FACT member.

The Second Annual Bar Olympics will be held Sunday, September 13 at Rainbow Mountain Resort in the Poconos. Bars from Allentown, Easton, Stroudsburg, New Hope, and Philadelphia will be competing. There will be gaming booths, food, refreshments and activities for all, live entertainment and more! Ticket price is \$10 and can be purchased at the local bars, FACT members or by writing FACT, P.O. Box 1028, Allentown, PA 18105-1028.

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GLPA Calls for Consumer Action Against Two Condom Manufacturers

The Gay and Lesbian Press Association (GLPA), the nation's only gay and lesbian trade association, today endorsed a consumer action against two condom manufacturers — Carter-Wallace and Ansell Americas — to protest the condom industry's refusal to advertise in gay publications.

"While it would be irresponsible for us to call for an industry-wide boycott because of the AIDS crisis, we are asking gay men not to buy Trojan or Lifestyles condoms and send wrappers from these companies' competitors to their marketing departments," said Don L. Volk, GLPA president.

Joe DiSabato, president of Rivendell Marketing in New York instituted the action after refusals by the industry to place ads in gay publications. Approximately 50 gay newspapers in the country ran an editorial by DiSabato "Can Anything Stop Homophobia in the Condom Industry?" in March.

'It is unconscionable that Ansell President John Silverman said, 'AIDS is a condom marketers' dream' when gay men are dying in large numbers," said Volk.

GLPA earlier this year sent letters to the three television networks encouraging them to run condom ads to help stem the spread of the disease, according to Volk.

"Gay and lesbian publications throughout the country have been at the vanguard of AIDS education," said Volk. "Without the efforts of the gay press, I believe there would have been considerably more AIDS deaths."

"For condom manufacturers to ignore the gay market by featuring women or non-gay couples in their advertising is a gross insult to our community. We call for this consumer action to show that we are not the 'captive' audience condom manufacturers might believe us to be," he said.

GLPA is a trade organization of publications and individuals devoted to the gay/lesbian community. The group represents approximately 400 publications from weeklies to monthlies.



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Protest of Beastie Boys Wins Donation from CBS Records

A "Naming Names" radio broadcast publicizing violently homophobic comments by the Beastie Boys has resulted in a \$2000 donation by the rock groups record company, CBS Records, to the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project.

The nationally syndicated broadcast, sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), reported an interview with two of the Beastie Boys in the magazine New Music Exchange. 'I hate faggots,' said lead singer Adam Horowitz. He went on to characterize homosexuals as child molesters and as psychologically sick. 'Naming Names' invited listeners to contact CBS records to let CBS know how they felt about the Beastie Boys' comments.

One caller got directly to the vice president for press and public affairs, Robert Altshuler. When Altshuler asked how the caller wanted CBS to respond, the caller suggested a donation to the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project. Within days, the Project received the \$2000 donation. In his covering letter, Altshuler made no reference to the Beastie Boys incident.

According to Anti-Violence Project Assistant Director William Smith, the donation was the first the project has received from a corporation. Smith said that as a result of the CBS response, other corporate donations will be easier to obtain.

The Beastie Boys' remarks — and CBS's response — came at a time when homophobic violence is steeply rising. Incidents of violence reported to the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project in 1986 were up 83% from the year before.

"Naming Names," the syndicated program sponsored weekly by GLAAD, is available by satellite to all public radio stations nationwide, as well as on the Gay Cable Network. Other national broadcasts have reported on homophobic direct mail campaign by televangelist Jerry Falwell, the bigoted remarks by Paul Morrissey of the Morality Action Committee on a *Phil Donahue Show* concerning gays in the Catholic Church, and the misrepresentation of lesbians and gay men in such media as NBC, ABC, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The New York Times*.

More Money for Washington March

Christopher Street West/Los Angeles, producer of the annual Gay Pride Parade and Celebration in Los Angeles, helped kick off the national March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights with a \$10,000 donation.

Bob Craig, President of Christopher Street West, made the surprise announcement of the donation during the South California Regional Support Network's first fundraising Kick-Off Party on April 8th in West Hollywood.

The March on Washington plans to raise a total of \$250,000 nationwide before the event, which is scheduled to take place on October 11, 1987, in the nation's capital. 50% of the collected funds will be used to promote the March in the Southern California area. The remaining 50% will be given to the National March on Washington Committee in Washington D.C.

CSW has been a primary supportor of the March on Washington since its inception in February of this year. Prior to the Kick-off, CSW donated office space, a part time staff salary, and an initial grant of \$2,500 to the March's organizers. Christopher Street West/Los Angeles is also promoting the March by including information about the event for Lesbian and Gay Rights on their Gay Pride Celebration advertisements and promotional material.

If you would like further information about the March on Washington, or if you would like to donate money to help reach the goal, please call the National Headquarters for the March on Washington at (202) 783-1828 or write to: National March on Washington, P.O. Box 7781, Washington, DC 20044.



Proclamation of Take Pride '87

WHEREAS, throughout modern history gay men and lesbians have felt the weight of discrimination, persecution, and bigotry. This weight has been felt in varying degrees. It existed in 1940's Nazi Germany, and it still exists in 1980's Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, throughout the same time frame there have been incidences of positive movement toward the elimination of discrimination. In June 1969 New York police were fought back after they illegally raided the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village. This event has become known and celebrated as the beginning of Gay and Lesbian Pride in the United States.

WHEREAS, in the same year as the Stonewall riots in New York a dedicated group of gay men and lesbians organized to bring this Pride to the Lehigh Valley. Le-Hi-Ho is the oldest continuous organization in the United States having been founded in April 1969.

WHEREAS, in California this Pride was taken into the Christian religious community in 1968 with the founding of the Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Church. The local congregation of MCC has met in the Lehigh Valley for three years.

WHEREAS, this Pride in the Gay and Lesbian Community is better fostered by local efforts to rid society of discrimination. The Lehigh Valley Lesbian and Gay Community Center has since 1983 undertaken the task of unifying the local gay and lesbian community. This task being most evident by the September 1984 opening of the Lambda Center, the only gay and lesbian community center in Pennsylvania.

THEREFORE, starting from these areas of concern and in celebration of the Pride felt by the Gay and Lesbian community in the contribution made to eradicate society of life threatening disease and to its natural ability to be the maker of coalitions, we proclaim June 28 to July 12, 1987 as Lehigh Valley Gay and Lesbian Pride Weeks 1987.

THEREFORE, during this time and throughout 1987 we call on all people and especially our elected government leaders to actively work to end all discrimination toward Gay men and Lesbians. The Gay and Lesbian community pledges our cooperation in this effort by the signatures below.

TAKE PRIDE IN OURSELVES - TAKE PRIDE '87

Edward Verba, President, Lehigh Valley Lesbian and Gay Community Center Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley Paul Kendall, Member, Board of Directors, Le-Hi-Ho



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would go to any of the three clinics, take the test, and in ten days call the Task Force counselor to set up an appointment for the results and the post-counseling session. The advantage to this method is that your insurance company need never find out, because if you have engaged in high risk activity, the test is free. A disadvantage is that the clinic will ask for a name but will not ask for identification or verification. This is now true at St. Lukes's where earlier you could use only a code number. This method provides confidentiality as does the first, but not anonymity, unless one uses a false name and address.

The third method for taking the test is through the Philadelphia Community Health Alternatives. There one is given a code number so that no on ever need know the name of the person requesting the test. The rest of the procedure is not unlike the second alternative except that post-test counseling is done in Philadelphia. The Lehigh Valley AIDS Services Center has underwritten train fare from the Lehigh Valley to Philadelphia for 11 people who have opted for thus anonymous method since Bethlehem has started requesting names and addresses. The disadvantage is the 65 mile distance of the site.

All of these methods use the ELISA test. If ELISA is positive, the test us confirmed by a method called Western Blot. According to Gerald Friedland of Monteflore Medical Center in New York, "The test is rather reliable on high risk groups such as gay men and IV drug users, however, if you are screening a population that has a relatively low frequency of infection, the test's false positive rate may actually be higher than the true rate of infection of the group being tested."

For further information on the HIV antibody test or any AIDS related issue, contact the Lehigh Valley AIDS Services Center at 433-5444 or any AIDS-related agency in Berks County, Philadelphia, or your local area.

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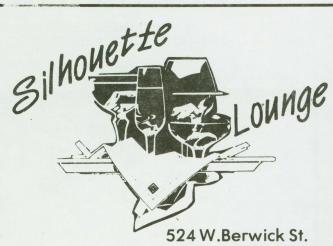
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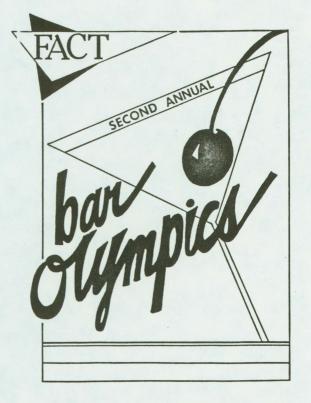
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The Tradition Continues

The Fifth Annual Lambda Dinner will be held this year at Hamilton Plaza, 4th & Hamilton Sts. in Allentown on Oct. 23,1997 at 7:00 with cocktails preceding at 6:00 PM.

The Lambda Dinner is without a doubt the largest and most celebrated event of its kind in the area. To celebrate this bench mark 5th annual tradition, the Lambda Center is featuring a sit down dinner of Breast of Chicken Marsaille, Parslied Potatoes. Baby Sugar Glazed Carrets and tessed salad. Appetizer will consist of a Fresh Fruit Cup & Dessert will be Checelate Mousse.

Fellowing dinner we will award the 2nd Annual Lehigh Valley Lambda Center Awards for Lifetime service, Community service & Humanitarian service to the Gay & Lesbian Community. Nominates for those awards can be submitted to Ben Dunlap c/o Lambda Center by Sept. 20th. A description of the awards can be ebtained through Ben as well.

To top off a perfect evening will be several hours of dancing from 8:30-11:00 PM. Party to the sounds of DJ Billy Eck. For those of you attending the Summer Picnic you will remember Billy from there.

The cost of the evening will still be only \$25.00 for members and \$27.50 for friends of the Lambda Center. (Remember you join the Lambda Center for \$15.00 through our "The Time is New" campaign and immediately use the member discount for the dinner.)

We're Gay or Lesbian AND WE VOTE

On July 1st the Lambda Center began a two part project to get OUR community more involved in the election process.

First, if your not registered to vote, get yourself registered. The Lambda Center has voter Registrations for Berks, Bucks, Monroe, Lehigh, Northampton & Warren (NJ) counties. If you live in one of these

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Evita is the oscar winning Broadway musical of 1984 about

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Lehigh Valley Lesbian & Gay Community Center

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Greetings,

It's August & HOT! Hot not only because the temperature is usually in the 90's, but also because the Gay & Lesbian Community Center is heating up for Fall. August 2nd is the Summer Picnic. This Picnic is the largest event ever put on for the Gay & Lesbians of Lehigh Valley.

On Friday, September 25th the Lambda Center will celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of our opening. Exactly 3 years ago that day the ONLY Gay & Lesbian Community Center in Pennsylvania. We're 3 & loving it. Come out for our Birthday party. The cost is \$4.00 for members and \$5.00 for friends. The biggest gift we want for our 3rd Birthday is your attendance to celebrate with us.

Don't forget that our membership drive," The Time is
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Enclosed you will find important information on our Fall Dinner & Dance, a Theater trip, and a challenge for you to make a difference by using your RIGHT to vote. Stop being Mr. Nice Gay....

BE COUNTED; VOTE!!

Also your copy of the LE-HI-HO's publication of Lambda Valley Monthly is enclosed for your reading pleasure.

I hope you're enjoying the rest of summer as much as I am. I hope to see you all at the Picnic & all the other Fall events.

For the LVLGCC
Board of Directors

Ed Verba, President